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SUBJ: SIGNATURE OF CONVENTION ON PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS

REF: STATE 36349

1. EMBOFF APPROACHED FONMIN DIRECTOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS BILE MALAN TO DETERMINE STATUS OF IVORIAN PLANS TO SIGN CONVENTION AND TO URGE ACTION SOON. DURING CONNVERSATION COPY OF IVORIAN MISSION TO U.N.'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF 6TH COMMITTEE FROM LAST UNGA SESSION ARRIVED ON DIRECTOR'S DESK, ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS SENT AT SAME TIME TO FORMIN USHER'S OFFICE. BILE MALAN SAID THAT FOLLOWING OAU BUDGET MEETING ADDIS, THIS REPORT WILL BE ONE OF DOCUMENTS USHER WILL HAVE TO STUDY UPON RETURN HOME, AFTER WHICH HE WILL MAKE UP HIS MIND WHETHER TO SIGN.

2. DIRECTOR WARNED THAT GENERAL AFRICAN FEELING THAT TEXT DOES NOT MEET ALL AFRICAN OBJECTIONS RE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS MIGHT PREVENT IVORY COAST FROM SIGNING CONVENTION. HE NOTED THAT
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SUBJECT DRAGGED ON SO LONG IN COMMITTEE THAT AFRICANS, FEARFUL OF

BEING ACCUSED OF BLOCKING ACTION ON GENERALLY RECOGNIZED IMPORTNAT
SUBJECT, AGREED TO JOIN CONSENSUS REPORTING FINAL DOCUMENT OUT OF
COMMITTEE AND SIMILAR ONE ADOPTING IT IN ASSEMBLY. HOWEVER, IT DOES
NOT NECESSARILY FOLLOW THAT AFRICANS WILL SIGN, DIRECTOR CONCLUDED.

3. AS IN PAST ON THIS SUBJECT AND GENERAL ONE OF TERRORISM, EMBASSY
HAS NOT FOUND GOIC VERY SURE AS TO WHAT LANGUAGE IT WOULD FIND
ACCEPTABLE AND CONSISTENT WITH ITS DESIRE PROTECT AFRICAN LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS, DESPITE FACT VARIOUS OFFICIALS CONDEMN TERRORISM AS
MUCH AS WE AND BELIEVE STRONGLY IN PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS. BILE
MALAN IN TODAY'S DISCUSSION, FOR EXAMPLE, SAID HE WOULD CONDEMN

FRELIMO LIFTING A FINGER KNOWINGLY AGAINST AN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT IN
MOZAMBIQUE, AT SAME TIME DECLARING THAT AFRICAN MOVEMENTS SHOULD
NOT FALL WITHIN PURVIEW OF CONVENTION.

4. SO LONG AS THERE ARE SUCH AMBIGUITIES IN THINKING OF IVORIAN--
AND PRESUMBALY OTHER AFRICAN--OFFICIALS, EMBASSY NOT CERTAIN IVORIAN
SIGNATURE THIS CONVENTION IS VERY SURE. WE WILL CONTINUE LOW-
KEY FOLLOW UP EFFORT WITH OTHER MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

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